



56. A laser amplifying system as defined in claim 29, wherein the course of the thickness of the adhesive layer is essentially radially symmetric to the center of the active volume area.--


REMARKS:

This Preliminary Amendment amends the claims to remove the multiple claim dependencies. The new claims are also believed to be in better form for U.S. examination.

Entry of this Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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